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Kazuaki Ebara

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For: BIOMETRIC AUTHENTICATION SYSTEM  
SHARING TEMPLATE DATA AMONG  
ENTERPRISES

Examiner: B. Hoffman

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated May 2, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2.
- **Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 and are reflected in the listing of claims.
- **Remarks** begin on page 10.

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